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*The Dalles 1:80 General Model at WES*

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# Hydraulic Design Section

The Portland District Hydraulic Design Section consists of eleven hydraulic engineers and two engineering technicians working together to provide hydraulic engineering solutions to a wide range of engineering challenges in the Columbia and Willamette River Basins and throughout the Northwest Region.

## What We Do

Our specific functions vary widely, but include the following responsibilities:

- Perform hydraulic design of structures and provides consulting services on hydraulic problems.
- Provide technical assistance and hydraulic design support during planning, design and construction of fish passage facilities.
- Design and performs field prototype tests and investigations to evaluate hydraulic adequacy & performance and to diagnose problems at existing projects.
- Manage complex multi-disciplined and diverse teams including management of A-E contracts and consultants.
- Provides technical guidance, procurement, consultation and review of physical hydraulic model studies at WES and contract labs.
- Prepare inspection and evaluation of the hydraulic features for dam safety evaluations.

## Experience and Expertise

The Section offers a broad range of engineering and design experience, coupled with a long successful history of working with other CORPS resources (Districts, Waterways Experiment Station and the Hydroelectric Design Center) and the Architectural Engineering community. The District currently has several multidisciplinary open-end contracts for engineering services.

Dissolved Gas Abatement

Navigation Lock Filling and  
Emptying system design

Intake Towers, Spillways, and  
Outlet Works (high and low  
head)

Design of Fish Passage,  
Collection & Monitoring  
Facilities

Physical Hydraulic Modeling  
Numerical Modeling – 1D, 2D  
and 3D (CFD) steady and  
unsteady

Design of temperature control  
tower, appurtenant facilities.

Flow measurement w/flow  
scintillation techniques

Flood Control Structures

Dam Safety Evaluations

Lock inspection, design and  
technical assistance

Emergency Response

Environmental Restoration

Open Channel Design

Fish Screen Design

Simulations of dewatering  
systems and fish facilities

Culvert Design w/ & w/out  
fish passage

Fish Ladder Design

Weir Design

Miter, Slide & Tainter Gates

Pipe and Penstocks

Pipe network design

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